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5 May 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: NIOs and Assistant NIOs

FROM : Executive Officer, NIC

SUBJECT : Releasing Estimates to Foreign Governments

1. A minor procedural problem has arisen in connection with producing [] NFIB-approved estimates for release to foreign governments. The problem concerns the delay that sometimes occurs in getting word to [], who heads the OCO/PPG unit that prepares the finished text of NIO products, that an estimate has in fact been okayed for [] release.

2. NFIB formerly notified Roz through a memorandum to NFAC Registry whenever an estimate had been approved for [] release to foreign governments. It no longer does so, conveying that message only via the published minutes of the NFIB meeting in which a particular estimate was approved. Those minutes get to PPG only very slowly if at all; this in turn means that Roz and her people must keep in mothballs all their technical materials pertaining to a particular project until someone lets them know whether a [] version is to be done.

3. PPG suffers from the same relative scarcity of storage space that afflicts all of NFAC. It specifically affects the storage of NIE and IIM texts that have been keyed on tape/disc/mag card. PPG has a real need to purge its files of such materials concerning our estimates fairly soon after they have been formally blessed, in order to have enough room for new projects and those still in process.

4. To help solve [] storage problem, and to prevent any possibility of having to start from scratch several weeks after NFIB approves an estimate for transmission to foreign governments and completely re-key the text, please call [] directly [] as soon as NFIB has met and cleared the estimate for foreign recipients. Alternatively, you may wish to instruct the NFAC officer responsible for the project to call her.

cc: C/NIC
AC/NIC
[], OCO/PPG

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Attachment to M/H-
NFIB-D-17.1/44
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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

FROM : Richard Lehman
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Release of Estimates and Other Interagency
Papers Approved by the Chairman, NFIB,
to Foreign Governments

REFERENCES: A. Memorandum for Holders-1, USIB-D-17.1/42,
17 December 1974

B. USIB-D-17.1/25, 14 March 1968

C. USIB-D-17.1/15, 10 June 1964

In order to clarify NFIB procedures for releasing estimates and other interagency papers approved by the Chairman, NFIB, to foreign governments, I recommend that the Board adopt the following procedures:

a. Release of an approved estimate or other interagency paper to a foreign government must be recommended by a principal of the NFIB or the D/DCI/NI and approved by the Chairman, with the advice of the Board.

b. Normally, such recommendations will be made by the D/DCI/NI during NFIB consideration of the paper. There may be circumstances which warrant delay of the recommendation; in that case, a request for release to a foreign government should be made within three weeks of approval of the paper. After approval, any

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recommendation that the Chairman release the paper should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary, NFIB, for circulation to members and should contain a statement setting forth the advantages accruing to the US from the proposed release.

c. In the event that a Board member opposes release, he may request that the matter be placed on the NFIB agenda for consideration.

d. The Executive Secretary, NFIB, will issue an appropriate notice to the Board advising that release has been authorized.



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Richard Lehman

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NOTE FOR: All NIOs

SUBJECT : Procedures for Releasing Estimates

Attached is the NFIB instruction on release of estimates. In following through on this, I suggest that we adopt these procedures:

a. I would appreciate your recommendation as to releasability before we go to NFIB. If possible, please discuss this matter during your final drafting sessions with the NFIB representatives.

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c. The Executive Officer will receive from NFIB a formal notice approving release of the paper. He will assign action to the appropriate NIO who will sanitize the document and notify NIO/PP [] [] will see to the mechanics of the release.

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Richard Lehman
D/DCI/NI

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